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Administrator,

This week ORD will host a Managers Meeting and Town Hall for all staff. Topics include ORD's strategic measure, budget and hiring updates, the Employee Viewpoint Survey, and the proposed reorganization.

### **Hot issues**

#### **New Hampshire DES PFAS Report**

On May 29, ORD sent the fifth in a series of reports on its ongoing technical support to New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services (NHDES). The support deals with the NHDES concerns over per- and polyfluorinated alkyl substance (PFAS) environmental contamination associated with manufacturing sites. This most recent report from NERL provides non-targeted analysis results of environmental samples collected near manufacturing facilities tentatively identifying various PFAS found in industrial dispersions and surfactants, which are used to help make products stain-resistant, waterproof, or nonstick. These results are of interest to NHDES in evaluating potential air emissions. EPA continues to develop analytical methods for many PFAS compounds in various media including some of those included in this report. ORD is providing the results of the Lab's analyses as they become available.

#### **Chloroprene Stakeholder Meeting**

On June 12<sup>th</sup>, ORD scientists will hold a meeting with Denka and its consultants to discuss their submissions for the Request for Reconsideration of the IRIS Chloroprene Assessment.

### **Upcoming Major Decisions and events (look out two weeks)**

#### **ORD Internal Lead Modeling Workshop**

On June 10 and 11, an ORD will hold an Internal Lead (Pb) Modeling Workshop at the EPA-RTP campus. The goals of the workshop are to reach a common understanding of the various Pb models that are available for use and to develop a strategy for evaluating aggregate exposures to Pb. The outcome of the workshop will also strengthen ORD's capabilities to contribute to the Federal Pb Action Plan goal of enhancing and applying data and tools and determining the key drivers of blood lead levels from multimedia exposures to inform lead regulatory decisions and site assessments.

**National Science and Technology Council Conference**

On June 13 and 14, ORD managers and staff will participate in a conference sponsored by the [ [HYPERLINK "https://www.whitehouse.gov/ostp/nstc/"](https://www.whitehouse.gov/ostp/nstc/) ] (NSTC). The conference is federal wide with the theme of “Building Bridges Across the S&T Enterprise.” ORD will participate in the session, “Measuring, Understanding, and Communicating ROI for R&D” as part of a panel discussing strategies for measuring success. ORD will also provide an overview of the CompTox Chemicals Dashboard as an open source research resource, and present on an Impact and Metric project which is aimed at tracking traditional and alternative metrics on research products. The NSTC is a cabinet-level council whose primary objective is establishing clear national goals for Federal science and technology investments.